Why cannot the local broadcasters issue traffic and weather every five minutes? The stations here offer traffic 1.5 hrs before and after the so called rush hour....Any other time is normally on the hr and sporatic at best...And not at all on weekends. I drive a truck for a living specifically hazardous cargo... I have to have a means of knowing about traffic long before I get in listening range of the local radio stations....If I even knew which station had the info I need. Knowing about a situation ahead of time keeps me from becoming part of the problem if taken by surprise. CB radio has a very short range and is not adequate enough to be sufficient in getting current info. Another problem with local radions is they use local names for their roads.....To someone not from the area, how would a visitor or someone passing thru know what the local names are and where this place is.

XM radio uses routes in their broadcasting and they broadcast weather and traffic 24 hours a day 7 days a week. I cannot even get local traffic on weekends here in Houston....I pay for XM radio because it is used constantly in my line of work and as such is also a tax deduction.

My suggestion to you is to get yourself one and try it for a while....You will not go back to am and fm..